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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
 COMMUNICATING WITH A CARD
 DISTRIBUTION CENTER FOR
 SELECTING, ORDERING, AND
 SENDING SOCIAL EXPRESSION CARDS

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CORRECTED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments.

The following version of the claims is a clear text rendition incorporating the below-noted amendments

Please cancel claims 26, 27, 30 and 44.

Please add the following new claims:

45. A method for initiating fulfillment of a consumer order in a system where a consumer communicates with an order fulfillment center, the method comprising the steps of:

storing data in at least one database, the data including a plurality of recipient data records for said customer, each of said customer's recipient data records containing data which defines a recipient;

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